



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Interim Director of Internal Services

At its meeting held October 12, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Several homes that are located entirely within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest (ANF) were destroyed in 2002 during the Curve and Williams Fires. For many years the owners of these homes negotiated with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to secure permission to re-build their homes. Recently the USFS issued a written determination allowing these residents to rebuild their homes.

“Residents who lost their homes in the Curve and Williams Fires will apply for permits to the Building & Safety Division of the Department of Public Works. In the normal course of operations Building & Safety may consult with other departments concerning compliance with all relevant building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and fire codes. The residents who owned homes destroyed in the Curve and Williams Fires are now faced with complying with the County of Los Angeles requirements that are presenting significant challenges in the rebuilding process. These residents have contacted my office with concerns about potentially conflicting requirements between the USFS and the County.”

Peter Baxter addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board directed the Interim Director of Public Works to:

1. Convene a task force that includes representatives from the Departments of Public Works, Fire, Health Services and County Counsel to formulate and recommend a consistent County policy relative to County requirements for individuals who would like to rebuild homes destroyed in the 2002 Curve and Williams Fires;

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2. Directed the County task force to consult with the U.S. Forest Service representatives and residents whose homes were destroyed in the fires, and
3. Report back to the Board within 60 days.

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